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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK, UR, WA

SUBJECT: RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA: SOVIET ANGLE

REF: STATE 215860

1. FRG OFFICIALS HAVE BRIEFED US ON THEIR IMPRESSIONS  
OF THE SOVIET STANCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES IN THE  
UN. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
REDIES (IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS) ACCOMPANIED DISARMAMENT  
COMMISSIONER RUTH TO MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS SEPT. 1-2  
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ON ARMS CONTROL AND UN ISSUES. AS REPORTED SEPTEL,  
REDIES BRIEFED EMBOFFS ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELYAN  
DURING OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH REDIES AND HIS STAFF ON  
ISSUES BEFORE THE 32ND UNGA.

2. REDIES' CAPSULE IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE SOVIETS  
WOULD SIMPLY FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE LIBERATION MOVE-

MENTS IN ANY UN DISCUSSION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.  
IF THE POPULAR FRONT AND SWAPO, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE  
AGREEABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UN PEACE-KEEPING  
FORCES, THE SOVIETS WOULD NOT BLOCK SUCH ACTION. THEY  
WOULD, HOWEVER, BE VERY RELUCTANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
FINANCING.

3. IN THE DEBATE ON APARTHEID, REDIES SAID, THE  
SOVIETS WILL CONCENTRATE ON ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN PLANS  
FOR EXPLODING A NUCLEAR DEVICE AND WILL CONTINUE THEIR  
ATTACKS ON WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR THEIR COOP-  
ERATION WITH PRETORIA.  
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